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SUBJ: NPW VISIT TO SRI LANKA

REF: A. STATE 153801 (DTG 161859Z JUN 78), B. STATE 133534 (DTG 251919Z MAY 78 - NOTAL)

1. IN ACCORD WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTELS, EMBASSY 21 JUNE SENT NOTE TO GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA (GSL) MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) REQUESTING DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR USS TRUXTUN CGN 35 MAKE PORT VISIT TO COLOMBO, 17-19 JULY 78.

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2. IN 22 JUNE CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE, SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL INFORMALLY ADVISED THAT THERE WAS LONG STANDING (AT LEAST EIGHT OR TEN YEARS") GSL POLICY AGAINST NUCLEAR SHIP VISITS AND THAT NONE HAD EVER TAKEN PLACE. HOWEVER, HE WOULD RESEARCH ORIGINS OF POLICY TO SEE IF ANY BASIS FOR CHANGE NOW EXISTED.

3. ON 23 JUNE, SENIOR GSL NAVAL OFFICER INORMALLY TOLD DATT THAT GSL POLICY WAS NOT TO ALLOW NUCLEAR SHIP VISITS AND THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO EXCEPTIONS TO IT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON AGENCIES CONCERNED FURNISHING US WITH INFORMATION ABOUT EXISTING GSL POLICY BANNING NUCLEAR SHIP VISITS. EMBASSY FILES CONTAIN NOTHING.

B. WE WOULD ALSO FIND IT USEFUL TO RECEIVE ACCOUNTS OF ANY PAST DISCUSSIONS OR CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN USG AND GSL ON THIS SUBJECT.

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